GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Rajasthan has been at a disadvantage till now as far as development of Petro-chemical industries are concerned;

(b) If so, the reasons therefore;

(c) Whether the Petro-chemical industries had ;not developed in Rajasthan due to non-availability of basic feed stocks in the State in its vicinity;

(d) If so, the facts thereof;

(e) Whether the Ihuge Oil and Natural Gas deposits have been discovered in Barmer,Jaisalmer, Jalore, Bikaner and Nagaur areas recently which would lead to the establishment of Petro-chemical industries in the State;

(f) If so, the facts thereof;

(g) Whether the Government are considering to establish Petro-chemical industries in these area to open employment opportunities;

(h) If so, the details thereof; and

(i) If not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS(SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (d): Techno-economic considerations, including the availability of feedstock, determine the location of integrated petrochemical complexes. While Rajasthan does not have a petrochemical cracker complex, it does have downstream Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) and Polystrene (PS) units.

(e) & (f): Oil discoveries have been made in Rajasthan Block RJ-ON-90/1.The discoveries are being appraised to assess their commercial potential.

(g) to (i): The current economic policy encourages the setting up of petrochemical industries by private entrepreneurs. The Government is not considering setting up of petrochemical industries in Rajasthan.